

**Fill in this information to identify your case:**

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Case number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter you are filing under:

☒ Chapter 7

☐ Chapter 11

☐ Chapter 12

☐ Chapter 13

☐ Check if this an amended filing

**Official Form 101**

**Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy**

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The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint* case—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, “Do you own a car,” the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

**Part 1: Identify Yourself**

**About Debtor 1:**

**About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):**

**1. Your full name**

Write the name that is on your government-issued picture identification (for example, your driver's license or passport).

Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.

**Randal**

First name

Middle name

**Sherley**

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

First name

Middle name

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

**2. All other names you have used in the last 8 years**

Include your married or maiden names.

**3. Only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or federal Individual Taxpayer Identification number (ITIN)**

xxx-xx-1906

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**About Debtor 1:**

**About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):**

**4. Any business names and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years**

☒ I have not used any business name or EINs.

☐ I have not used any business name or EINs.

Include trade names and *doing business as* names

Business name(s)

Business name(s)

EINs

EINs

**5. Where you live**

**18534 Willow Ave  
Country Club Hills, IL 60478**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

**Cook**

County

**If your mailing address is different from the one above, fill it in here.** Note that the court will send any notices to you at this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

**If Debtor 2 lives at a different address:**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

County

**If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it in here.** Note that the court will send any notices to this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

**6. Why you are choosing *this district* to file for bankruptcy**

*Check one:*

☒ Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.

☐ I have another reason.  
Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

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**Part 2: Tell the Court About Your Bankruptcy Case**

7. **The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under** *Check one.* (For a brief description of each, see *Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)*). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.
- ☒ Chapter 7
- ☐ Chapter 11
- ☐ Chapter 12
- ☐ Chapter 13
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8. **How you will pay the fee** ☒ **I will pay the entire fee when I file my petition.** Please check with the clerk's office in your local court for more details about how you may pay. Typically, if you are paying the fee yourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check, or money order. If your attorney is submitting your payment on your behalf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or check with a pre-printed address.
- ☐ **I need to pay the fee in installments.** If you choose this option, sign and attach the *Application for Individuals to Pay The Filing Fee in Installments* (Official Form 103A).
- ☐ **I request that my fee be waived** (You may request this option only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a judge may, but is not required to, waive your fee, and may do so only if your income is less than 150% of the official poverty line that applies to your family size and you are unable to pay the fee in installments). If you choose this option, you must fill out the *Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived* (Official Form 103B) and file it with your petition.
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9. **Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?** ☐ No.
- ☒ Yes.
- |          |                       |      |                |             |                 |
|----------|-----------------------|------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| District | <u>NDIL</u>           | When | <u>2/09/17</u> | Case number | <u>17-03825</u> |
| District | <u>NDIL</u>           | When | <u>3/11/16</u> | Case number | <u>16-08397</u> |
| District | <u>See Attachment</u> | When | _____          | Case number | _____           |
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10. **Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?** ☒ No
- ☐ Yes.
- |          |       |                     |       |
|----------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Debtor   | _____ | Relationship to you | _____ |
| District | _____ | When                | _____ |
| Debtor   | _____ | Relationship to you | _____ |
| District | _____ | When                | _____ |
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11. **Do you rent your residence?** ☒ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Has your landlord obtained an eviction judgment against you and do you want to stay in your residence?
- ☐ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Fill out *Initial Statement About an Eviction Judgment Against You* (Form 101A) and file it with this bankruptcy petition.

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**Part 3: Report About Any Businesses You Own as a Sole Proprietor**

**12. Are you a sole proprietor of any full- or part-time business?**

☒ No. Go to Part 4.

☐ Yes. Name and location of business

A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC.

If you have more than one sole proprietorship, use a separate sheet and attach it to this petition.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of business, if any

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

*Check the appropriate box to describe your business:*

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))  
☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))  
☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))  
☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))  
☐ None of the above

**13. Are you filing under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and are you a small business debtor?**

For a definition of *small business debtor*, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).

*If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a small business debtor so that it can set appropriate deadlines. If you indicate that you are a small business debtor, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. 1116(1)(B).*

☒ No. I am not filing under Chapter 11.

☐ No. I am filing under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.

☐ Yes. I am filing under Chapter 11 and I am a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.

**Part 4: Report if You Own or Have Any Hazardous Property or Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention**

**14. Do you own or have any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs immediate attention?**

☒ No.

☐ Yes. What is the hazard? \_\_\_\_\_

If immediate attention is needed, why is it needed? \_\_\_\_\_

*For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?*

Where is the property? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code

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**Part 5: Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling**

**15. Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.**

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

**About Debtor 1:**

*You must check one:*

- ☒ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.**

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you **MUST** file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

- ☐ **I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.**

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

- ☐ **I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:**

- ☐ **Incapacity.**  
I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.
- ☐ **Disability.**  
My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.
- ☐ **Active duty.**  
I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver credit counseling with the court.

**About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):**

*You must check one:*

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

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- ☐ **Disability.**  
My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.
- ☐ **Active duty.**  
I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

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**Part 6: Answer These Questions for Reporting Purposes**

<b>16. What kind of debts do you have?</b>	<b>16a.</b>	<b>Are your debts primarily consumer debts?</b> <i>Consumer debts</i> are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."
		<input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	<b>16b.</b>	<b>Are your debts primarily business debts?</b> <i>Business debts</i> are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment.
		<input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16c. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	<b>16c.</b>	State the type of debts you owe that are not consumer debts or business debts
<b>17. Are you filing under Chapter 7?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No.	I am not filing under Chapter 7. Go to line 18.
<b>Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes.	I am filing under Chapter 7. Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available to distribute to unsecured creditors?
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<b>18. How many Creditors do you estimate that you owe?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999	<input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5001-10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000
		<input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000
<b>19. How much do you estimate your assets to be worth?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million
		<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
<b>20. How much do you estimate your liabilities to be?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million
		<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion

**Part 7: Sign Below**

**For you**

I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.

If I have chosen to file under Chapter 7, I am aware that I may proceed, if eligible, under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code. I understand the relief available under each chapter, and I choose to proceed under Chapter 7.

If no attorney represents me and I did not pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help me fill out this document, I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I understand making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

/s/ Randal Sherley

**Randal Sherley**  
Signature of Debtor 1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Debtor 2

Executed on **October 29, 2017**  
MM / DD / YYYY

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_  
MM / DD / YYYY

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**For your attorney, if you are represented by one**

**If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page.**

I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

**/s/ Michael S. Fabinski**

Date

**October 29, 2017**

Signature of Attorney for Debtor

MM / DD / YYYY

**Michael S. Fabinski**

Printed name

**MSF Law**

Firm name

**One Lincoln Center  
18W140 Butterfield Road, Suite 1500  
Oakbrook terrace, IL 60181**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Contact phone

Email address

**6315331**

Bar number & State

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**Fill in this information to identify your case:**

Debtor 1 **Randal Sherley**

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2

(Spouse if, filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

Case number \_\_\_\_\_

(if known)

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

**FORM 101. VOLUNTARY PETITION****Prior Bankruptcy Cases Filed Attachment**

<u>District</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>
<b>NDIL</b>	<b>17-03825</b>	<b>2/09/17</b>
<b>NDIL</b>	<b>16-08397</b>	<b>3/11/16</b>
<b>NDIL</b>	<b>09-05977</b>	<b>2/25/09</b>
<b>NDIL</b>	<b>08-11939</b>	<b>5/10/08</b>



In re \_\_\_\_\_ Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Debtor(s)

**FORM 1.VOLUNTARY PETITION**

Attachment A

**DEBTOR(S)' REPRESENTATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Debtor understands that it is Debtor's responsibility to promptly tender a security deposit to all utility companies.
2. Debtor understands that it is Debtor's responsibility to provide copies of the 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011 federal tax returns. Debtor has agreed to tender these tax returns to debtor's counsel by Federal Express no later than 10 days before the date first set for the first meeting of creditors (Section 341 meeting). Debtor has agreed to tender these tax returns directly to the Chapter 13 Trustee by Federal Express no later than 7 days before the date first set for the first meeting of creditors (Section 341 meeting), unless said tax returns were Federal Expressed to debtor's counsel no later than 10 days before the Section 341 meeting. Debtor understands further that the court could dismiss the case if the tax returns are not tendered on a timely basis.
3. Debtor understands that it is Debtor's responsibility to provide copies of (a) all payment advices or other evidence of income received within 60 days before the date of the filing of the bankruptcy petition by the debtor from any employer of the debtor, and (b) proof of any 1099 or self employed income within 60 days before the date of the filing of the petition (hereinafter, collectively the "Payment Advices") . Said Payment Advices shall be provided to the trustee (or, if no trustee has been appointed to the United States trustee), and to any creditor who timely requests copies of the payment advices or other evidence of payment, at least seven days before the time of the meeting of creditors conducted pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 341. Debtor has agreed to tender said Payment Advices to debtor's counsel by Federal Express no later than 10 days before the date first set for the first meeting of creditors (Section 341 meeting). Debtor has agreed to tender said Payment Advices directly to the Chapter 13 Trustee and any requesting creditor by Federal Express no later than 7 days before the date first set for the first meeting of creditors (Section 341 meeting), unless said Payment Advices were Federal Expressed to debtor's counsel no later than 10 days before the Section 341 meeting. Debtor understands further that the court could dismiss the case if said Payment Advices are not tendered on a timely basis.
4. Debtor understands that it is Debtor's responsibility to complete an instructional course concerning personal financial management before the conclusion of the repayment plan. After completion of the instructional course, Debtor has agreed to tender a certificate of completion to debtor's counsel by Federal Express. Debtor has also agreed to file the certificate of completion with the Clerk of the US Bankruptcy Court at 219 S. Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60604, unless a copy of said certificate is tendered to debtor's counsel via email or Federal Express and received at least 7 days prior to the case being closed. Debtor understands further that no discharge will be granted without the filing of said certificate of completion with the Clerk of the US Bankruptcy Court on a timely basis.
5. Debtor understands that prior to the final Chapter 13 plan payment debtor must complete and tender to debtor's counsel a "Declaration re Domestic Support Obligations" certifying that either (a) "During the pendency of this bankruptcy, I have not been required to pay a domestic support obligation by any order of a court or administrative agency or by any statute", or (b) "During the pendency of this bankruptcy case, I have paid all domestic support obligations that have become due under any order of a court, or administrative agency or under any statute. Debtor further understands that this declaration must be signed under penalty of perjury. Finally, debtor has been advised that the failure to complete and file said declaration would result in debtor not receiving a Chapter 13 discharge of debts.

## Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)

### This notice is for you if:

**You are an individual filing for bankruptcy,**  
and

**Your debts are primarily consumer debts.**  
*Consumer debts* are defined in 11 U.S.C.  
§ 101(8) as "incurred by an individual  
primarily for a personal, family, or  
household purpose."

### The types of bankruptcy that are available to individuals

Individuals who meet the qualifications may file under  
one of four different chapters of Bankruptcy Code:

Chapter 7 - Liquidation

Chapter 11 - Reorganization

Chapter 12 - Voluntary repayment plan  
for family farmers or  
fishermen

Chapter 13 - Voluntary repayment plan  
for individuals with regular  
income

**You should have an attorney review your  
decision to file for bankruptcy and the choice of  
chapter.**

### Chapter 7: Liquidation

\$245	filing fee
\$75	administrative fee
+	\$15 trustee surcharge
\$335	total fee

Chapter 7 is for individuals who have financial difficulty preventing them from paying their debts and who are willing to allow their nonexempt property to be used to pay their creditors. The primary purpose of filing under chapter 7 is to have your debts discharged. The bankruptcy discharge relieves you after bankruptcy from having to pay many of your pre-bankruptcy debts. Exceptions exist for particular debts, and liens on property may still be enforced after discharge. For example, a creditor may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or repossess an automobile.

However, if the court finds that you have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge.

You should know that even if you file chapter 7 and you receive a discharge, some debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible to pay:

most taxes;

most student loans;

domestic support and property settlement obligations;

most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; and

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers.

You may also be required to pay debts arising from:

fraud or theft;

fraud or defalcation while acting in breach of fiduciary capacity;

intentional injuries that you inflicted; and

death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.

If your debts are primarily consumer debts, the court can dismiss your chapter 7 case if it finds that you have enough income to repay creditors a certain amount. You must file *Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income* (Official Form 122A-1) if you are an individual filing for bankruptcy under chapter 7. This form will determine your current monthly income and compare whether your income is more than the median income that applies in your state.

If your income is not above the median for your state, you will not have to complete the other chapter 7 form, the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2).

If your income is above the median for your state, you must file a second form—the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2). The calculations on the form—sometimes called the *Means Test*—deduct from your income living expenses and payments on certain debts to determine any amount available to pay unsecured creditors. If

your income is more than the median income for your state of residence and family size, depending on the results of the *Means Test*, the U.S. trustee, bankruptcy administrator, or creditors can file a motion to dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If a motion is filed, the court will decide if your case should be dismissed. To avoid dismissal, you may choose to proceed under another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

If you are an individual filing for chapter 7 bankruptcy, the trustee may sell your property to pay your debts, subject to your right to exempt the property or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the property. The property, and the proceeds from property that your bankruptcy trustee sells or liquidates that you are entitled to, is called *exempt property*. Exemptions may enable you to keep your home, a car, clothing, and household items or to receive some of the proceeds if the property is sold.

Exemptions are not automatic. To exempt property, you must list it on *Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt* (Official Form 106C). If you do not list the property, the trustee may sell it and pay all of the proceeds to your creditors.

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## Chapter 11: Reorganization

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	\$1,167	filing fee
+	\$550	administrative fee
	\$1,717	total fee

Chapter 11 is often used for reorganizing a business, but is also available to individuals. The provisions of chapter 11 are too complicated to summarize briefly.

### Read These Important Warnings

Because bankruptcy can have serious long-term financial and legal consequences, including loss of your property, you should hire an attorney and carefully consider all of your options before you file. Only an attorney can give you legal advice about what can happen as a result of filing for bankruptcy and what your options are. If you do file for bankruptcy, an attorney can help you fill out the forms properly and protect you, your family, your home, and your possessions.

Although the law allows you to represent yourself in bankruptcy court, you should understand that many people find it difficult to represent themselves successfully. The rules are technical, and a mistake or inaction may harm you. If you file without an attorney, you are still responsible for knowing and following all of the legal requirements.

You should not file for bankruptcy if you are not eligible to file or if you do not intend to file the necessary documents.

Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime; you could be fined and imprisoned if you commit fraud in your bankruptcy case. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

#### Chapter 12: Repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

	\$200	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$275	total fee

Similar to chapter 13, chapter 12 permits family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time using future earnings and to discharge some debts that are not paid.

#### Chapter 13: Repayment plan for individuals with regular income

	\$235	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$310	total fee

Chapter 13 is for individuals who have regular income and would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time and to discharge some debts that are not paid. You are eligible for chapter 13 only if your debts are not more than certain dollar amounts set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 109.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, usually using your future earnings. If the court approves your plan, the court will allow you to repay your debts, as adjusted by the plan, within 3 years or 5 years, depending on your income and other factors.

After you make all the payments under your plan, many of your debts are discharged. The debts that are not discharged and that you may still be responsible to pay include:

- domestic support obligations,
- most student loans,
- certain taxes,
- debts for fraud or theft,
- debts for fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity,
- most criminal fines and restitution obligations,
- certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers,
- certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury, and
- certain long-term secured debts.

### **Warning: File Your Forms on Time**

Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information about your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. The court may dismiss your bankruptcy case if you do not file this information within the deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

For more information about the documents and their deadlines, go to:  
[http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy\\_forms.html#procedure](http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy_forms.html#procedure).

### **Bankruptcy crimes have serious consequences**

If you knowingly and fraudulently conceal assets or make a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury—either orally or in writing—in connection with a bankruptcy case, you may be fined, imprisoned, or both.

All information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the U.S. Trustee, the Office of the U.S. Attorney, and other offices and employees of the U.S. Department of Justice.

### **Make sure the court has your mailing address**

The bankruptcy court sends notices to the mailing address you list on *Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 101). To ensure that you receive information about your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address.

A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*. If you file a joint case and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, the bankruptcy court generally will mail you and your spouse one copy of each notice, unless you file a statement with the court asking that each spouse receive separate copies.

### **Understand which services you could receive from credit counseling agencies**

The law generally requires that you receive a credit counseling briefing from an approved credit counseling agency. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h). If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must receive the briefing. With limited exceptions, you must receive it within the 180 days **before** you file your bankruptcy petition. This briefing is usually conducted by telephone or on the Internet.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, you generally must complete a financial management instructional course before you can receive a discharge. If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must complete the course.

You can obtain the list of agencies approved to provide both the briefing and the instructional course from:  
[http://justice.gov/ust/eo/hapcpa/ccde/cc\\_approved.html](http://justice.gov/ust/eo/hapcpa/ccde/cc_approved.html).

In Alabama and North Carolina, go to:  
<http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts/Bankruptcy/BankruptcyResources/ApprovedCreditAndDebtCounselors.aspx>.

If you do not have access to a computer, the clerk of the bankruptcy court may be able to help you obtain the list.

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**United States Bankruptcy Court**  
**Northern District of Illinois**

In re **Randal Sherley**

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter

**7**

**DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR(S)**

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept .....	\$	<b>1,535.00</b>
Prior to the filing of this statement I have received .....	\$	<b>1,535.00</b>
Balance Due .....	\$	<b>0.00</b>

2. The source of the compensation paid to me was:

☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):

3. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:

☐ Debtor ☒ Other (specify):

4. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.

☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation is attached.

5. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:

- a. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
- b. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
- c. [Other provisions as needed]

**All items identified in the engagement letter.**

6. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:

**Excludes all items not specifically included in the engagement letter.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

**October 29, 2017**

*Date*

**/s/ Michael S. Fabinski**

**Michael S. Fabinski**

*Signature of Attorney*

**MSF Law**

**One Lincoln Center**

**18W140 Butterfield Road, Suite 1500**

**Oakbrook terrace, IL 60181**

*Name of law firm*

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Randal Sherley  
18534 Willow Ave  
Country Club Hills, IL 60478

### CHAPTER 7 ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Dear Randal:

READ THIS AGREEMENT AND THE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY 3 TIMES BEFORE SIGNING. DO NOT SIGN IF YOU ARE CONFUSED BY ANY TERM OR OBLIGATION.

My policy at the outset of a new engagement is to outline not only the nature of the project, but also the basis on which I will provide legal services and bill for them.

1. Compensation: You agree to prepay Attorney Michael S. Fabinski a flat, fixed-fee of \$1,535 for the Chapter 7 services set forth in the paragraph labeled "Scope of Flat-Fee Engagement," which includes the petition filing fee of \$335 and any other costs. **Please note that any payment received by Attorney Fabinski shall be treated as an advance payment, allowing Attorney Fabinski to take the retainer into income immediately.** The reason for this treatment is that (a) the total payment for the services identified in paragraph No. 1 above is anticipated to equal the amount of the retainer; (b) the project shall be of a fixed duration and not anticipated to extend beyond 90-120 days; and (c) no refunds shall be given. In addition to the Flat-Fee Engagement, you agree to pay Attorney Fabinski an hourly fee of \$300 for all other Chapter 7 related services not included in the Scope of Flat-Fee Engagement, including without limitation, motions to dismiss your Chapter 7 case. Finally, you authorize Attorney Fabinski to withdraw if you fail to pay the retainer or fail to pay any invoice within 30 days of issuance.
2. Scope of Flat-Fee Engagement: You have asked Attorney Fabinski to assist you in filing a Chapter 7 bankruptcy petition. In this regard, Attorney Fabinski will provide the following professional services:
  - a. **Represent you only.** Attorney Fabinski does not represent any spouse or intended beneficiaries.
  - b. Advise you about the differences between bankruptcy Chapters 7, 11, 12, and 13.
  - c. Advise you about your bankruptcy rights and responsibilities/obligations that arise both before filing bankruptcy and arise after the bankruptcy case is filed.
  - d. Inform you about exempt assets, unsecured debt, priority debt, and secured debt.
  - e. Confer with you at the initial meeting and review paystubs tendered to me by you.
  - f. Prepare draft petition, draft schedules, draft statement of financial affairs, and provide a draft "means test" calculation.
  - g. Represent you at the initial Section 341 meeting of creditors **through me personally or through a representative.**
  - h. Inform you about reaffirmation agreements.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Randal Sherley*  
*Randal Sherley*



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3. Services Outside Scope of Engagement: The scope of Attorney Fabinski's representation is limited to the bankruptcy services set forth above. By way of example, Attorney Fabinski has not been engaged to represent you in any loss mitigation options, tax issues, adversary proceedings, or appeals. Attorney Fabinski has also not been engaged to file any motion to avoid a lien.
4. No Student Loan Advice: Attorney Fabinski has NOT been engaged to provide any student loan advice. You are urged to engage an unrelated student loan attorney to provide student loan advice prior to filing bankruptcy. You may be denied the right to obtain student loans if you file bankruptcy.
5. Home: No guarantee is provided. Chapter 7 is NOT designed to establish a repayment plan and you will NOT be allowed to prevent foreclosure or keep your home by filing this Chapter 7 bankruptcy.
6. Non-filing Spouse: If you are married, you have a choice to file bankruptcy in your name alone (i.e. "individually") or together with your spouse, if married (i.e. "jointly"). A spouse who is not added to the bankruptcy petition does NOT enjoy bankruptcy protection or benefits. Specifically, the non-filing spouse will not receive a "discharge" of any debts. Plus, the non-filing spouse will not be protected by the automatic stay and creditors of the non-filing spouse will be allowed to seek all legal remedies against the non-filing spouse.

If these arrangements meet with your approval, please sign this engagement letter and return it to Attorney Fabinski with your retainer. Please do not sign this engagement letter if you are confused or do not understand any term. Before signing, I urge you to engage a different attorney to review and explain each and every provision.

READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY 3 TIMES BEFORE SIGNING. DO NOT SIGN IF YOU ARE CONFUSED BY ANY TERM OR OBLIGATION.

Thank you,

Michael S. Fabinski, President  
*Michael S. Fabinski*  
MICHAEL S. FABINSKI LAW

**READ THIS DOCUMENT THREE (3) TIMES BEFORE SIGNING.**

Signed: *Randal Sherley*

Print Name: *Randal Sherley*

*Randal Sherley*



**United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Illinois**

In re **Randal Sherley** Debtor(s) Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter **7**

**VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX**

Number of Creditors: **32**

The above-named Debtor(s) hereby verifies that the list of creditors is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge.

Date: **October 29, 2017**

**/s/ Randal Sherley**  
**Randal Sherley**  
Signature of Debtor

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MSF Law  
One Lincoln Center  
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Choice Recovery  
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Columbus, OH 43220

Internal Revenue Service  
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Philadelphia, PA 19101-7346

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15 W 580 Frontage  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

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Po Box 327  
Palos Heights, IL 60463

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701 Lee Street #300  
Des Plaines, IL 60016

DAT Soultions, LLC  
11000 SW Stratus St #200  
Beaverton, OR 97008

Midstate Collection So  
Po Box 3292  
Champaign, IL 61826

Alltrux Capital LLC  
1320 Walnut Ridge Drive  
Hartland, WI 53029

Deutsche Bank  
60 Wall Street  
New York, NY 10005

Nicor Gas  
90 N Finley Road  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

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Wichita, KS 67205

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Minneapolis, MN 55439

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West Palm Beac, FL 33409

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5515 Parkcenter Cir  
Dublin, OH 43017

Illinois Department of Revenue  
Bankruptcy Section, Level 7-400  
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Chicago, IL 60601

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Illinois Department of Revenue  
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